programme content and format of Doordarshan so as to sustain the interest of its viewers.

[*Translation*]

Telephone System Around Delhi

3873. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the telephone system of the areas adjoing Delhi are functioning properly; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether its inspection report is being submitted from time to time;

(c) if so, whether any deficiencies have been noted in the working of the system;

(d) whether telephone lines in Taudu and other areas of Faridabad Parliamentary Constituency have been lying out of order for the last several months;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Telephone system of areas are functioning properly.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Deficiencies noticed during inspections are attended promptly.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). Does not arise.

[*English*]

Regularisation of Encroachments of Government Land in Andaman Island

3874. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pre-1978 encroachments of Government land in the Andaman and Nicobar islands regularised by the Andaman Nicobar Administrations as on date;

(b) the rate of premium charged in such cases;

(c) whether land premium rates for fresh allotments/regularisations have been raised recently and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether revised rates of land premium is likely to be applicable to persons belonging to labour class and other weaker sections of the society and to those encroachers whose cases are to be regularised hereafter; and

(e) whether Government of Andaman & Nicobar Administration has received any representations in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has regularised 7212 cases of pre-1978 encroachments, subject to the payment of premium as may be determined/fixed by the Administration. No premium has been charged so far in all these cases.

The revised rates of premium, to be effective from 1.12.88, for allotment of land

for the house sites have been notified by the A&N Administration vide their notifications dated 19.8.1991 and 3.12.1991.

The revised rates of premium for occupation of land for house sites are as follows:-

Area	*Revised Rates*
Port Blair Municipal Area	Rs. 100 per sq. m.
Semi Urban Area	Rs. 50 per sq. m.
Rural Area	Rs. 25 per sq. m.

(d) Revised rates of land premium are applicable to all cases of encroachment. However, poor category of persons have been exempted from payment of premium for allotment of house sites.

(e) Two representations were received by the A&N Administration requesting for scrapping the revised rates of premium in all cases. These representations were examined by the A&N Administration. However, the request made in the aforesaid representations was not acceded to.

Setting up of Special Development Board in Bolangir District

3875. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Special Development Board in Bolangir district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No such proposal has been received from the Government of Orissa.

(b) Does not arise.

Mallappuram District Uncovered by Dooradarshan

3876. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire Mallapuram District in Kerala is not covered by the present arrangement of telecasting by Doordarshan from Thiruvanathapuram Station; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to cover the entire area?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) and (b). Whereas the low power (100 W) TV transmitter functioning at Mallapuram relays National Programmes put out from Delhi, almost the entire Mallapuram district is expected to receive regional service programmes of Doordarshan Kendra, Thiruvananthapuram, subject to local terrain conditions, when the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Kozhikode in Kerala in replacement of the existing low power (100 W) transmitter there, is commissioned into service.

Farakka Thermal Power Station

3877. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the ashes of the Farakka Thermal Power Project have been increasingly creating a new layer on the surface of corn fields spread over a vast area adjacent to the plant;